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GENE BELL JOINS USD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Roy E. "Gene" Bell, president and chief executive officer of the Union-Tribune Publishing Company, has been elected to the University of San Diego's Board of Trustees for a three-year term effective in the Fall 1994 semester.

Bell, who has been active in the newspaper business for 34 years, joins the USD Board as it begins its search for a replacement for outgoing President Author E. Hughes.

"The guidance of our Board will be especially critical during this leadership transition," said Daniel W. Derbes, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We are grateful that Mr. Bell has agreed to serve as our newest Trustee, and we know his counsel will be invaluable to us."

Bell joined the Union-Tribune Publishing Company after 25 years of distinguished leadership with the Tribune Company of Chicago. In 1983, he was named vice president and director of operations for the Chicago Tribune after six years in the post of vice president and operations director for the Tribune-owned Orlando Sentinel Communications Company. In 1989, he was named vice president of newspaper operations for the Tribune Company. Between 1989 and 1991, he represented the Tribune Company in the

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management of the Tribune-owned New York Daily News.

Bell began his newspaper career as a printer in La Junta, Colorado, before joining the Sentinel in 1966 as a journeyman printer. A native of Florida, he attended Florida Southern University. He is active in community affairs and serves on the Advisory Committee of the Newspaper Management Center at Northwestern University. Bell also has served as an advisor to Rochester Institute of Technology and the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Bell and his wife, Glen, are the parents of four children.